

GARRETT COUNTY GOVERNMENT – October 2012
Month in Review

Department of Economic Development

- a) Update on broadband construction and installation.
- b) Notification that the County received grant funds from MD Department of Agriculture for Specialty Crops Selected Projects to include farmers markets, wineries, and heritage marketing. GC funds will be targeted to develop a series of culinary heritage events.
- c) Presentation and reading of Proclamation noting the week of October 15 to 19, 2012 as “Economic Development Week”.
- d) The Board announced the process for the executive search for the Economic Development Director.

Department of Engineering

- a) Status of a number of projects that are in process, completed, and planned.
- b) Audit of bridge compliance program will begin and the Department will assign staff to work on this.
- c) Status of permitting process for Cherry Glade Road that will connect Third and Fourth Streets in Oakland.
- d) Bayard Corona Bridge is under construction.

Department of Planning & Land Development

The Board approved the Residential Fire Sprinkler System Incentive Program Policy. The policy may be viewed in the Planning & Land Development office.

Department of Public Utilities

- a) Written confirmation that permanently disconnected wells from any water supply system or irrigation system to be abandoned must be filled and sealed. The County has been in contact with the Health Department on this matter as the State has the regulatory jurisdiction and all guidelines are not within the authority of the County.
- b) The Board approved Department of Public Utilities Policy 2012-1 – Equivalent Residential Unit Allocation Policy for Subdivisions. The Policy may be viewed at the office of Public Utilities.

Purchasing Department

- a) CBIZ Contract Award Recommendation – Medicare Supplement and Prescription Drug Coverage. The Board approved the recommendation as presented on this date to United Healthcare.
- b) Standing Timber. The Board approved the recommendation of bid award to Red Rock Enterprises, LLC for \$12,177.89 with a contract period of 120 days.
- c) Winter Abrasives. The Board approved the recommendation of bid award to a number of vendors based on certain product and County Roads Department garage and location which are on file with the Purchasing Department.
- d) Recommendation of Contract Extension - Fire Prevention Systems Services. The Board approved the recommendation to ARK Systems for Section 1 Fire Sprinkler Systems, Fire Pumps, Back Flow Preventers, Fire Alarms, and Hood Suppression Systems for 6 locations and Section 2 – Monitoring. Ashby/FPP was awarded the bid award for Section 3 – Fire Extinguisher Inspection and Services. Specific annual costs and hourly rates for all 3 locations are on file with the Purchasing Department.
- e) The Board approved a recommendation of bid award for Kings Run Refuse and Recycling Collection Site Security Fence Project to Abel Fence, LLC for a total price of \$16,250.00.

Roads Department

- a) Update on paving noting that 26 miles have been completed, 87 miles of line stripping, completion of paving. Total paving expenditures of \$1.3 million year-to-date with a total budget of \$2.3 million.
- b) Briefing on notification from the MD Department of the Environment related to mandate to cover storage of road abrasives.

Sheriff's Department

- a) Discussion on continuation of financial planning for a proposed new County Detention Center. Sheriff Corley noted that the current Detention Center is in compliance in all areas of review by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Standards and he does not foresee a requirement to reserve any appropriate funding for this capital expenditure.
- b) The Board recognized and executed a Proclamation noting the service of K9 Bach who passed away with nearly 10 years of loyal service to the GC Sheriff's Department.
- c) The Board approved an amendment to the GC Law Enforcement Officers Pension Plan to add a Deferred Retirement Option Program.

Miscellaneous

1. The Board executed a Proclamation noting October 2012 as “Breast Cancer Awareness Month”.
2. The Board executed a Proclamation noting October 2012 as “I Can Swim Month” Program at the Community Athletic and Recreation Complex.
3. The Board recognized the 26th GC Most Beautiful Person 2012 and each of the nominees. The 2012 Most Beautiful Person was Sandy Bell.

4. GC Memorial Hospital presented the Board with an overview of the New Wing Expansion and Renovation Project. The Hospital Board of Trustees will ask that the County provide the full faith and credit obligation and bond \$15,000,000 towards the total cost of the project of \$23,359,000. The Board of County Commissioners has the debt capacity to secure the loan and will ask for legislative authority from the MD General Assembly during the 2013 Session. The Hospital will be responsible for the total repayment of the debt obligation.
5. The Board appointed Autumn Ramsey and Larry Walbrown to the Local Management Board.
6. The Board was presented with a Proclamation designating October 21-27, 2012 as Forest Products Week.
7. The Board appointed Suzanne Sincell to the GC Health Planning Council.